

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-13. (Canceled).

14. (Currently amended): ~~The magnetic recording medium according to claim~~  
13, A magnetic recording medium comprising:  
a substrate; and  
a laminated layer formed on the substrate,  
the laminated layer comprising a first seed layer, a second seed layer, a first  
underlayer, a second underlayer, and a magnetic layer,  
wherein the second seed layer comprises Cr or a Cr alloy containing Cr and at  
least one element selected from the group consisting of: Ti, Mo, and W,  
the first underlayer comprising at least one of Co or Ni,  
the first underlayer further comprising one of Al, Ti, or Al and Ti,  
wherein the first seed layer comprises at least 35 to 65 % atomic weight of Ti and  
at least 35 to 65 % atomic weight of Al.

15. (Currently amended): ~~The magnetic recording medium according to claim~~  
13, A magnetic recording medium comprising:  
a substrate; and  
a laminated layer formed on the substrate,  
the laminated layer comprising a first seed layer, a second seed layer, a first  
underlayer, a second underlayer, and a magnetic layer,  
wherein the second seed layer comprises Cr or a Cr alloy containing Cr and at  
least one element selected from the group consisting of: Ti, Mo, and W,  
the first underlayer comprising at least one of Co or Ni,  
the first underlayer further comprising one of Al, Ti, or Al and Ti,

11                    wherein the first seed layer comprises at least Cr and one of Ti, Ta, or both of Ti  
12      and Ta.

1                    16.      (Currently amended): The magnetic recording medium according to claim  
2      ~~13~~14, wherein a thickness of the second seed layer is in the range of 0.3 to 7.5 nm.

17-18. (Canceled)

1                    19.      (Currently amended): The magnetic recording medium according to claim  
2      ~~13~~15, wherein a thickness of the second seed layer is in the range of 0.3 to 2.5 nm.

20-29. (Canceled)

30.      (New): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 15, wherein  
the first seed layer comprises at least 35 at.% to 70 at.% of Cr.